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The Newsletter for Marshall University

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Men's soccer team wins national championship

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It was a magical night at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, North Carolina, May 17 as the 10th-ranked Marshall men's soccer team etched its name into the NCAA College Cup history books on Monday, defeating the 3rd-ranked Indiana Hoosiers for the National Championship. Senior [Jamil Roberts](#) hit his third game-winner of the NCAA Tournament, scoring the golden goal in the 98th minute.

The Thundering Herd caps its historic season with a record of 13-2-3. Marshall rolled through some stiff competition on its way to winning its first-ever National

Championship. The Herd began with a 2-1, overtime victory against No. 23 Fordham in the second round as redshirt sophomore [Milo Yosef](#) scored both goals.

Then Marshall took down the No. 1 seed Clemson Tigers, advancing 7-6 in the penalty kick shootout. The Herd advanced to the Elite 8 where it defeated the defending National Champions No. 8 Georgetown as Roberts scored his first game-winner of the postseason in the 70th minute off a pass from junior [Vitor Dias](#). Marshall moved on to the College Cup and the Final Four for the first time in team history, and the Herd kept rolling on with a 1-0 win over No. 16 North Carolina as Roberts again scored the game-winner in the 60th minute, with another assist from Dias.

In four short seasons, Head Coach [Chris Grassie](#) took a Marshall program that missed the 2016 Conference USA Tournament to a National Champion.

“Immensely, immensely proud to be a part of this team,” Grassie said. “We all really kind of came together this season and we just got better and better and better. We had some bumps in the road. There are definitely a couple of teams tonight that will be happy they beat a national champion. But, we continued to learn from each lesson and each setback.

“It was the way it felt. It just felt amazing to be around this group. Everyone felt dialed in. Just couldn’t get enough of hanging out, enough of watching scouts and film and working with the guys. It was just one of those things where everyone was feeding off it more and more. And just being able to hang out socially for these last couple weeks has been fantastic.

“Big congratulations to Indiana. I thought they played really well. They caused us problems on the counterattack especially in the first half. We had to deal with that, but then we just kept doing our thing, playing our style, keeping the ball, knocking it around. We got more and more chances and it just felt like there was only going to be one to win it. Glad to get (the winner) when we did. When it went in, it just felt surreal.”

Read more at Herdzone.com.

Photo: Marshall’s men’s soccer team celebrate their national championship Monday evening.

Encova Insurance makes \$1.8 million gift to Lewis College of Business

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The Encova Foundation of West Virginia has made a \$1.8 million gift for the auditorium in Marshall’s new Lewis College of Business building, home of the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business.

The new facility, which will be constructed on the 1400 block of Fourth Avenue, will feature a 360-seat, state-of-the-art auditorium that will be named the Encova Auditorium.

Currently under design, the new facility is expected to be complete by the fall of 2023. Classes are projected to begin in January 2024.

“The Lewis College of Business is sincerely thankful for the generous donation of the Encova Foundation of West Virginia. Their commitment to the new Lewis College of Business facility, the Brad D. Smith Center for Business and Innovation, will benefit all Marshall students for generations to come. This state-of-the-art facility will be utilized by our students and be an ideal venue for our speaker series, lectures and classes, business meetings, conferences, film screenings and workshops. We are honored to bestow the Encova name on this auditorium,” said Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee, dean of the Lewis College of Business.

The university expects that the new facility, measuring 77,000 gross square feet, will house a new distinctive business school focused on empowering students to achieve their professional and entrepreneurial dreams, while making a positive impact on the local and regional economy.

“Encova Insurance is dedicated to supporting higher education and community partnerships,” said TJ Obrokta, president and CEO of Encova Insurance. The Encova Auditorium in Marshall University’s new Lewis College of Business building will allow future business leaders to be trained by outstanding professionals. It will also provide the opportunity to transform the Huntington and Tri-State communities by hosting speakers who will inspire entrepreneurs and business leaders of all ages.”

Marshall University President Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert said Encova’s commitment to higher education in West Virginia is outstanding.

“We are very appreciative of Encova’s partnership with Marshall University,” Gilbert said. “They share our vision that an educated workforce leads to a thriving West Virginia. By working together, public and private alliances can become cornerstones of success for the Mountain State.”

Encova Insurance, formerly BrickStreet Insurance, has generously supported Marshall University for more than 15 years through providing scholarships, supporting athletics and assisting several academic areas. Encova Insurance is recognized as one of the top five corporate donors at Marshall University.

Photo: Marshall University today received a \$1.8 million gift from the Encova Insurance Foundation of West Virginia for a new auditorium in the planned Lewis College of Business facility on 4th Avenue in Huntington. Pictured from left to right are Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee, dean of the Lewis College of Business; Thomas J. “TJ” Obrokta, president and CEO of Encova Insurance; Dr. Ron Area, president and CEO of the Marshall University Foundation; Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert, president of Marshall University; Steve Williams, mayor of Huntington; Toney Stroud, Marshall University Board of Governors, and Dr. Jaime Taylor, senior vice president and provost of Marshall University.

Marshall launches student vaccination awareness effort

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Marshall University has introduced a public awareness campaign for its student population, encouraging them to obtain a COVID-19 vaccination in an effort to reach #thunderingherdimmunity when the fall semester begins in August.

The hashtag #thunderingherdimmunity plays off the medical term and Marshall's sports teams.

"We are strongly advising students to get vaccinated," said President Gilbert. "If we reach herd immunity, we will be in much better shape this fall. The goal is for everyone to be safe and healthy and the best way to do that is to be vaccinated."

Students who have not yet been vaccinated are encouraged to get a vaccine during the summer months in their home communities. The university is requiring that all students register their status through Marshall's student online COVID-19 vaccination registry at www.marshall.edu/coronavirus. The data will be made available in aggregate form to members of the COVID-19 Health and Safety Task Force, who will use the information to help drive pandemic policy and health projections.

Marshall employees have already exceeded the herd immunity threshold designated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Marshall's office of human resources reports that approximately 80% of Marshall's faculty and staff have received the vaccine, most of them immunized through the university's onsite vaccine clinics this spring.

Marshall is not requiring vaccinations at this time, although the evolving coronavirus and its variants could dictate the requirement in the coming months. University students who are not vaccinated will be required to complete saliva surveillance testing on a regular basis this fall. Additionally, they will be subject to quarantine if they get the virus or are exposed to someone who has COVID-19.

Marshall's public awareness campaign, #thunderingherdimmunity, includes delivering vaccination messages through myMU—Marshall's intranet, social media, direct e-mail messages and printed materials.

For more information about the university's response to COVID-19, visit www.marshall.edu/coronavirus.

COVID-19 vaccine now available at select Marshall Health locations

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The COVID-19 vaccine is now available to patients and community members at several Marshall Health clinic and pharmacy locations in Huntington.

At the Marshall University Medical Center, located at 1600 Medical Center Drive, vaccines are available at:

- **Marshall Family Medicine** offers the Moderna (18 and older), Johnson & Johnson (18 and older) and Pfizer (12 and older) vaccines by appointment only. To schedule, call 304-691-1100.
- **Marshall Pediatrics** offers the Pfizer vaccine to ages 12 to 18 by appointment only. To schedule, call 304-691-1300.
- **Marshall Pharmacy** offers the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to ages 18 and older. Walk-ins are welcome 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No appointment necessary.

At the Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center, located at 1249 15th Street, **Marshall Internal Medicine** offers the Moderna (18 and older), Johnson & Johnson (18 and older) and Pfizer (12 and older) vaccines by appointment only. To schedule, call 304-691-1000.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Vaccine distribution is subject to continued availability.

For specific questions, please contact the Marshall Pharmacy at 304-691-6879 (MURx) to speak with a pharmacist or contact your primary care provider. Additional information is also available at <https://www.marshallhealth.org/coronavirus>.

In Memoriam: Dr. Dallas Brozik

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Dr. Dallas Brozik, professor emeritus of finance, who served on the Marshall faculty for 33 years, died Saturday, May 15.

Brozik earned his B.A. in Mathematics and Physics from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; his M.B.A. from Lewis University in Illinois; and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

He graduated from the United States Navy's Naval Nuclear Power School and served as a division officer aboard the USS James K. Polk.

He is survived by his wife, Doris, of 47 years. According to his wishes, there will be no public services. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting www.hensonandkitchen.com.

McCloud Family Scholarship established at Marshall University

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Marshall alumnus Donald McCloud has established the McCloud Family Scholarship for the university. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Marshall in 1975. Dr. Beth McCloud, Donald McCloud's daughter, received both her Bachelor of Science in biochemistry in 2004 and Doctor of Medicine in 2008 from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“Marshall University has had an enormous impact on me and members of my family,” Donald McCloud, who had a successful career in the coal mining industry in West Virginia. “My father, myself and my daughter are all graduates of Marshall University. My father was a student-athlete and inducted into the Marshall University Hall of Fame in basketball and my daughter is a pediatric physician at a major pediatric hospital.

“Marshall University provided us with the experiences and education to find our place in this world, and to observe it with a greater understanding in all its aspects. Growing up by my dad’s side, I observed the ways that set my father apart from his peers who chose not to participate in higher education. Watching my daughter throughout her several years at Marshall, I saw her develop intellectually, analytically and socially, with a growing understanding of her value and contribution to society. I want to help others experience the same growth and opportunities as my family and I have enjoyed and to understand and value the contributions they can make to society.”

The McCloud Family Scholarship supports full-time undergraduate students who are residents of West Virginia. Students must be in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA and demonstrate need per the standards of Marshall University’s Office of Student Financial Assistance. First preference is given to a chemistry major from Logan High School in Logan County, West Virginia. Second preference to a physics, engineering or biology major from Logan High School; if none, then from Logan County, West Virginia. Third preference is to a chemistry major from any other county in West Virginia, but preferably the southern counties of Boone, Fayette, Greenbrier, Lincoln, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Summers and Wyoming. The award is renewable for up to four years if the student remains in good academic standing and continues to demonstrate financial need.

Choosing to support students in science, the McCloud family believes the study of sciences develops critical thinking that is represented in every career and in everyday life. The family encourages students to follow their heart and find a career that they are passionate about.

“Far too many rush into decisions and are unduly influenced by others. Be open to all that you can learn, thus creating a larger world for yourself in which to live, work and observe. A university education not only opens many career paths and opportunities, but provides a much richer life, one of enhanced knowledge, understanding and enjoyment.”

For information on the McCloud Family Scholarship, please contact the Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-696-3162.

Photo: Donald McCloud (right) is pictured with his children Tanner McCloud (left) and Dr. Beth McCloud (middle).

Dr. Andrea Lauffer named Advocate of the Year for WVAAP

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Andrea Lauffer, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine and pediatrics at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named the 2021 Advocate of the Year for the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

“This award is a tremendous honor,” Lauffer said. “Now, more than ever, our children need voices advocating for their health and wellbeing. I am so incredibly proud to be part of amazing organizations like Marshall Pediatrics and the WV AAP who work to provide the children in our region and all across the state the chance for a bright, healthy future.”

Lauffer is an internal medicine and pediatric hospitalist who joined Marshall’s pediatric faculty in 2020.

“This award is well deserved,” said Audra Pritt, M.D., pediatric residency program director and pediatric hospital medicine fellowship associate director. “Dr. Lauffer has been instrumental in driving advocacy programming in our pediatric residency and pediatric hospital medicine fellowship programs at Marshall.”

Outreach and advocacy can take many forms. These efforts among Marshall’s pediatric faculty, residents and fellows have focused on educational programs and a commitment to collaboration.

Activities during the 2020-2021 academic year included:

- Hosting HIV testing drive at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department (fall 2020)
- Hosting HIV testing drive + COVID-19 vaccine event at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department (spring 2021)
- Hosting toothbrush drive for pediatric patients in the resident clinic for Children’s Dental Health Month (February 2021)
- Publishing opinion-editorials by pediatric residents in the local newspaper on “[Continuing your child’s healthcare visits during a pandemic](#)” and “[National nutrition month is a good time to reflect on the role of food in our lives.](#)”
- Working with Mission West Virginia to promote the kinship navigator program, which provides support and help for those with new custody of children.

Lauffer and pediatrics resident Maggie DeBolt, M.D., received a grant in February 2021 from the American Academy of Pediatrics to expand the advocacy curriculum in 2021-2022 its training programs.

“Thanks to the grant, we have financial support to better educate our residents on how to be advocates for our pediatric patients,” Lauffer said. Lauffer and DeBolt plan to share their progress and best practices with the state AAP chapter and their colleagues across the state. Lauffer, along with several residents and fellows attended the national AAP advocacy virtual conference and met with federal representatives on ensuring that vaccine laws remain strengthened.

Lauffer also helped plan and coordinate the WV AAP virtual child health advocacy conference in March 2021 and serves as chief health officer for Cabell County Schools.

Marshall-themed Little Free Library installed at Yeager Airport

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Marshall University Libraries and the Cabell County Career Technology Center (CCCTC) unveiled a Marshall-themed [Little Free Library](#) (LFL) at Yeager Airport in Charleston (CRW) on Thursday, May 13.

The Kelly green, M-shaped library was created from an idea by Dr. Kelli Johnson, associate university librarian at Marshall.

“I was traveling, pre-COVID, and spotted a “take one – leave one” book cart at the San

Diego airport,” Johnson said. “As a librarian, I was so excited that the airport was encouraging literacy and reading. When Marshall announced the aviation program, I felt like it was perfect timing to once again showcase how Marshall University is committed to education and empowerment of the people of West Virginia. I wanted to show that learning has no boundaries.”

The library was created by students in Bret Masters' building technology class at the CCCTC. Johnson said it was Johnny Bradley, supervisor of library operations at Marshall, who suggested reaching out to Masters in hopes he would be willing to take on the build with his class.

"I would like to say I love a challenge," Masters said. "This project would be a challenge in itself with the designing, cutting of angles and the construction. However, this past year with everything going on, it has pushed the challenge to a whole different level."

"Working together through problems and difficulties has been the West Virginia way. This bookcase project has exemplified that through the cooperation of everyone involved. When the goal is to educate young students and the people in your community, you need a team. This team effort with Marshall University, [LittleFreeLibrary.org](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org) and the Building Technology students has strengthened our community," Masters said.

Current participating students include Cody Adkins, Landyn Bowen, Haidn Cook, Landon Hanna, Nathaniel Harless, Jordon Hicks, Chase Rood, Tristin Sigman, Larry Simpson and Keegan Wooten. In addition, the following students helped with the project during the 2020 academic year: Anthony Adkins, Johnathan Jarrell, Dyllon Porter, Lane Ramey, Nick Ride, Logan Rider, Caden Robinette, Nash Ryder and Cameron Simons.

"Collaborating with each of these groups to bring a Little Free Library to Yeager Airport was an amazing effort that allowed us to show off some talent, school spirit and a collective commitment to promote reading in the community," said Dr. Monica Brooks, associate vice president for online learning and dean of libraries.

The new library at CRW is in the process of being registered as an official [Little Free Library](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org). Once the charter sign arrives and is installed, the library will be included on the [world map](https://www.littlefreelibrary.org/world-map) of all registered LFLs. "As the steward for two local Little Free Libraries, I was very familiar with the LFL program and thought these would make great additions to the LFL world map," Johnson added.

In addition to promoting literacy by providing books to guests traveling through Yeager Airport, the library will also provide information about Marshall University and the degree programs offered through Marshall's new Division of Aviation.

"We pride ourselves at CRW on being a family-friendly airport," said Yeager Airport Director and CEO Nick Keller. "Having a Little Free Library at Yeager Airport is another great opportunity for families to pass the time while waiting for their flight."

"This is another great opportunity for CRW to team up with Marshall University," Keller continued. "The students at the Cabell County Career Center did a wonderful job building the Little Free Library, and we are proud to have it here at Yeager Airport."

President Gilbert stopped by to see the new library in place at Yeager Airport and to help stock the shelves with a personal donation of books.

Patrons are encouraged to give to and take from the Little Free Library while visiting Yeager Airport. The LFL will be maintained by Marshall University Libraries. Anyone wishing to make a book donation should contact Johnson at johnson28@marshall.edu or 304-696-6567.

A second Marshall-themed LFL is being built for the Huntington Tri-State Airport. Masters says they hope to have it completed and installed this winter.

Photo: Students at the Cabell County Career Technology Center pose with the Marshall-themed Little Free Library they helped build.



Summer 2021 Sessions

"CBL- A Pedagogical Tool"

Wednesday, June 9, 2021
10:00am-11:00am
Virtual (via Teams)
Facilitator: Sandra Kemper

"Reflection"

Wednesday, June 16, 2021
10:00am-11:30am
Virtual (via Teams)
Facilitator: Karen McComas

"Managing the Project"

Wednesday, June 23, 2021
10:00am-11:00am
Virtual (via Teams)
Facilitator: Sandra Kemper

Questions? Contact kempers@marshall.edu or cbl@marshall.edu
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Sloane named May Resident of the Month

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Emily Sloane, M.D., an obstetrics/gynecology resident, has been selected as Resident of the Month for May by the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education at the school.

“One important aspect of training residents is the emphasis on promoting patient safety and quality improvement in the clinical learning environment,” Wehner said. “Dr. Sloane has provided exceptional leadership for the House Staff Quality Improvement Committee over the past several years, including providing guidance for our Quality & Safety Poster Day. As a result of her leadership, several patient safety projects have been implemented. We are truly appreciative of her efforts.”

Sloane is completing her fourth and final year of the OB/GYN residency at Marshall. The Maryland native earned her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Maryland in Baltimore. After completing her residency training this June, Sloane will join the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine as an assistant professor.

“Dr. Sloane is completing her chief resident year and has been a reliable member of the program for her entire career,” said Kevin Conaway, M.D., obstetrics/gynecology residency program director. “She is a skilled and reliable physician, a role model to her junior residents and compassionate to her patients. We all enjoy working with Emily and are proud she is joining our faculty next year.”

As part of her recognition, Sloane received a plaque and designated parking spot.

Photo: May Resident of the Month Emily Sloane, M.D., (left) is pictured with Kevin Conaway, M.D., obstetrics/gynecology residency program director.

Marshall chapter recognized by national speech-language-hearing group

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The [National Student Speech Language Hearing Association](#) (National NSSLHA) has awarded the NSSLHA chapter at Marshall University with [2021 Bronze Chapter Honors](#).

Efforts made by the NSSLHA chapter at Marshall University helped National NSSLHA:

- Increase awareness of communication sciences and disorders (CSD) on more than 135 local college campuses and communities across the country—primarily through virtual platforms;
- Increase advocacy efforts by [sending more than 9,500 letters](#) to state and federal legislators;
- Provide scholarships to students in CSD programs by contributing more than \$24,000 to the [ASHFoundation's NSSLHA Scholarship](#);
- Support CSD-related organizations by donating more than \$64,000 and approximately 20,000 hours of chapter members' time.

“I am extremely proud of the efforts of our organization and namely our executive board,” said Ernay Adams, clinical assistant professor of communication disorders and the local chapter’s faculty advisor. “This is the first time we have received chapter honors in many years, if ever. The executive board set this goal at the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester and receiving this achievement is very exciting.”

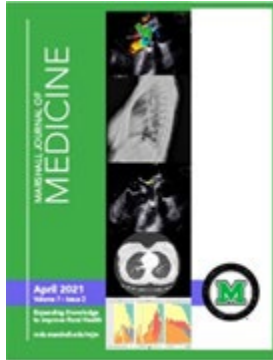
Executive board members included Allison Buroker, Marissa Chadwick, Katelyn York, Haley Black, Mikaela Clinton, and Kayleigh Coleman.

National NSSLHA chapter honors are awarded to affiliated NSSLHA chapters that demonstrate an outstanding effort to support National NSSLHA’s mission to inspire, empower and support students in communication sciences and disorders programs.

The [National Student Speech Language Hearing Association](#) (NSSLHA) is the only national student organization for pre-professionals studying communication sciences and disorders (CSD) recognized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). Established in 1972, National NSSLHA is headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, and supports more than 11,700 members and more than 340 chapters at colleges and universities nationwide.

Latest issue of Marshall Journal of Medicine available

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[Marshall Journal of Medicine Volume 7, Issue 2](#) and the [MJM Infographic](#) are now available for your review.

Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since May 5, 2021

Students: 0

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 0

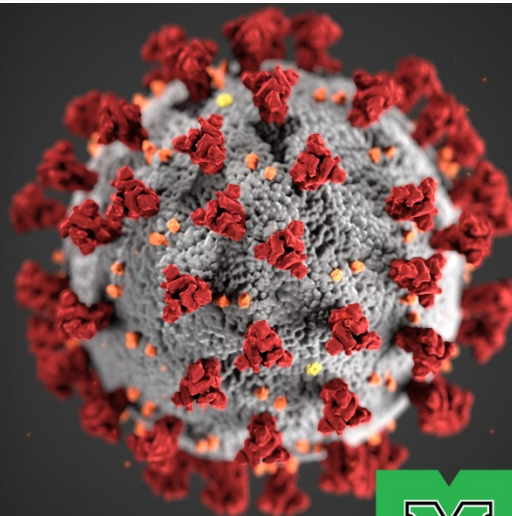
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

All testing is being done in partnership with Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Pleasant Valley Hospital, QLab Inc. and MedExpress Urgent Care.

The most recent information is always available at www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard.

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www.marshall.edu/coronavirus



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